

I N T E N D E D

WARWICKSHIRE and STAFFORDSHIRE

C A N A L.

THE Subscribers to the Canal above mentioned, in order to demonstrate the Utility of their Undertaking, have published a short Case, in which they state certain Advantages which will result to the Public from a Completion of their Design. Among other Particulars, they shew, that the Price of Pit Coal will be reduced at *Birmingham* One Shilling and One Halfpenny per Ton; and that the important Reduction of Nine Shillings and Two Pence Halfpenny per Ton, in the Price of that necessary Article of Life, will take place at *Oxford*.

Fully convinced, that mere unsupported Assertions of Candidates for the Favour of Parliament, are entitled to little Regard, they, for the Satisfaction of the Public, have subjoined Calculations founded on these plain and simple Facts; viz. "*The Price of Coals at the Pits — the several Distances on the Line of the Canals; and, as consequent thereon, the Charges for Tonnage and Freight.*" These, it is presumed, will stand the Test of the most minute Enquiry.

The Proprietors of the *Birmingham* Canal, in a Case published last Year, in opposition to the new Undertaking, stated, *That the said Canal had produced a Saving to the Town of Birmingham alone, in the Article of Coal, of £. 30,000 per Annum.* In a recent similar Publication they assert, *That in the last Seven Years the Public have gained above £. 90,000 per Annum by this (their) Undertaking.*

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If both these Assertions are true, the Proprietors of the *Birmingham* Canal will have no Difficulty to explain, by a Statement of simple Facts, the Particulars of these several Savings; they will readily specify the several Items which compose these two good round Sums; they cannot be at a Loss to give the Public full Satisfaction on this Head; because it depends on real Transactions *foregone and concluded*; for as such they speak of them (see the Passage last above quoted.)

The Subscribers to the new Canal, have laid before the Public the fair Calculations, on which their Prospect of affording *future Benefits* to the Community are founded. It is not uncandid to expect from the Proprietors of the *Birmingham* Canal, similar, and equally explicit Information, as to the *Benefits said to have been actually produced*; and this seems the more necessary, because the Sentiments of the avowed Friends of the *Birmingham* Canal Company manifestly appear to differ from those of the said Company, on this important Head, of *Benefits received*. For, these Friends, in a Petition marked with a strong Proof of their own Self-denial, in opposing a Reduction of the present Price of Coals at *Birmingham*, and zealously bearing Testimony to a solitary and very equivocal Instance of the Liberality of the *Birmingham* Canal Company, state those very Benefits as amounting only to £.40,000, which the Company of Proprietors estimate at £.90,000 *per Annum, for Seven Years last past*.

The *substantial and incontrovertible* Proofs which the *Birmingham* Canal Company will adduce in support of *their Allegations*, will convince those Friends of their Errors—satisfy the Public—and confound their Opponents.

But till this is done in a clear and satisfactory Manner, all Persons, and those in particular whose Province it may be to determine on the Merits of the Two Undertakings, are earnestly requested to receive, with equal Caution, bold printed Assertions, and private plausible Insinuations, tending to prejudice them against the Subscribers to the intended *Staffordshire and Warwickshire* Canal.

N. B. Some further Remarks on the printed Case of the *Birmingham* Canal Company, and especially on those Parts of it which relate to the Widows and Orphans interested therein, and to the Proposition made by the Subscribers to the New Canal, will be respectfully submitted to the Consideration of the Public in a few Days.



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ON PART OF THE

Printed CASE of the *Birmingham* Canal
Company.

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